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ZANTE (Zakynthos island, Greece), German Occupation WWII

Zante is one of the Ionian islands, along Greece's western coast. After the surrender of Italy to the Allies in September 1943, Germany took over the Occupation and issued its own stamps on Oct.22.1943 by overprinting the existing Italian stamps with a 2-line boxed handstamp.



The rare part sheet of 86 mint never hinged stamps in my opinion is genuine.

[Vlastos 3, 3(v) / Hellas 4, 4C / Michel 3 I, the vertically stamped error is Michel 3 I/1].

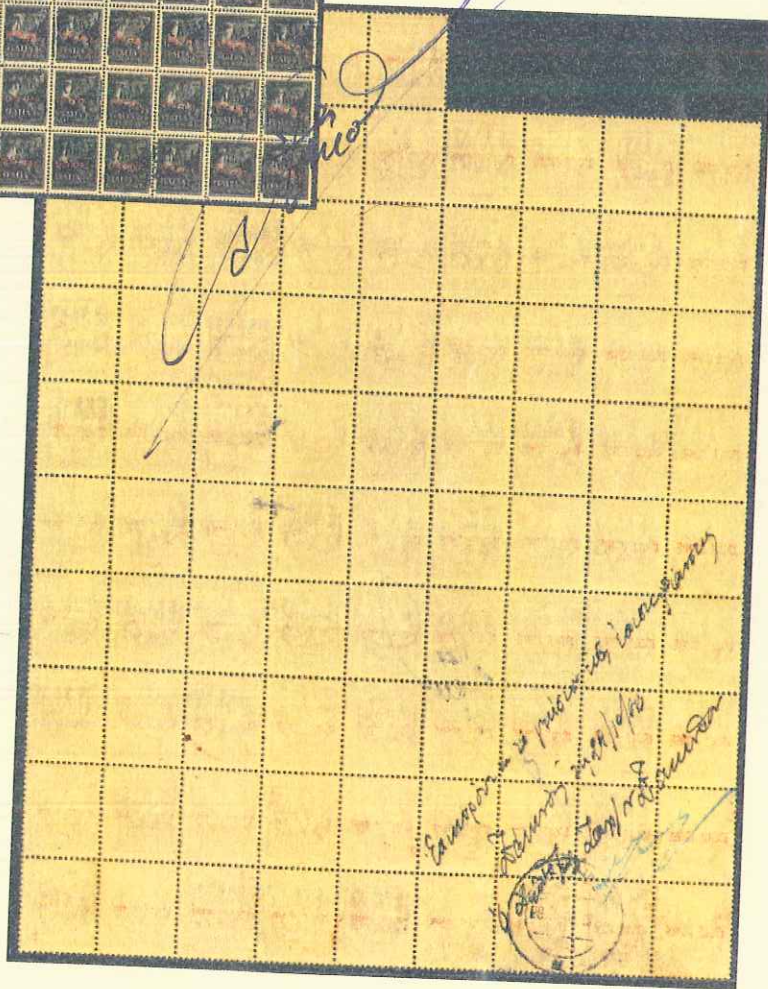
The overprint is on Italy airpost 50c dark brown ISOLE JONIE stamps, sheet of 86 stamps, missing the left vertical row and position 2-5. The stamp at position 70 has the overprint vertically, reading up (unlisted in Vlastos, but listed in Hellas and Michel), fresh mint never hinged.

The genuiness of the German overprint is authenticated on the reverse by the Zante Postmaster's handwritten "Επικυρούται το γνήσιον της επισημάνσεως, Ζάκυνθος τη 29/10/43, Ο Διευθυντής Ταχ. Ζακύνθου" which translates as "The genuiness of the overprint is authenticated, Zante 29/10/43, the Postmaster of Zante P.O." & handstamped ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 29.X.43". The condition is Very Fine to Superb.

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Handwritten in blue ink:
100



Handwritten in black ink:
Canton - 20 microns, 100/100
100/100
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The rare part sheet of 97 mint never hinged stamps in my opinion is genuine.

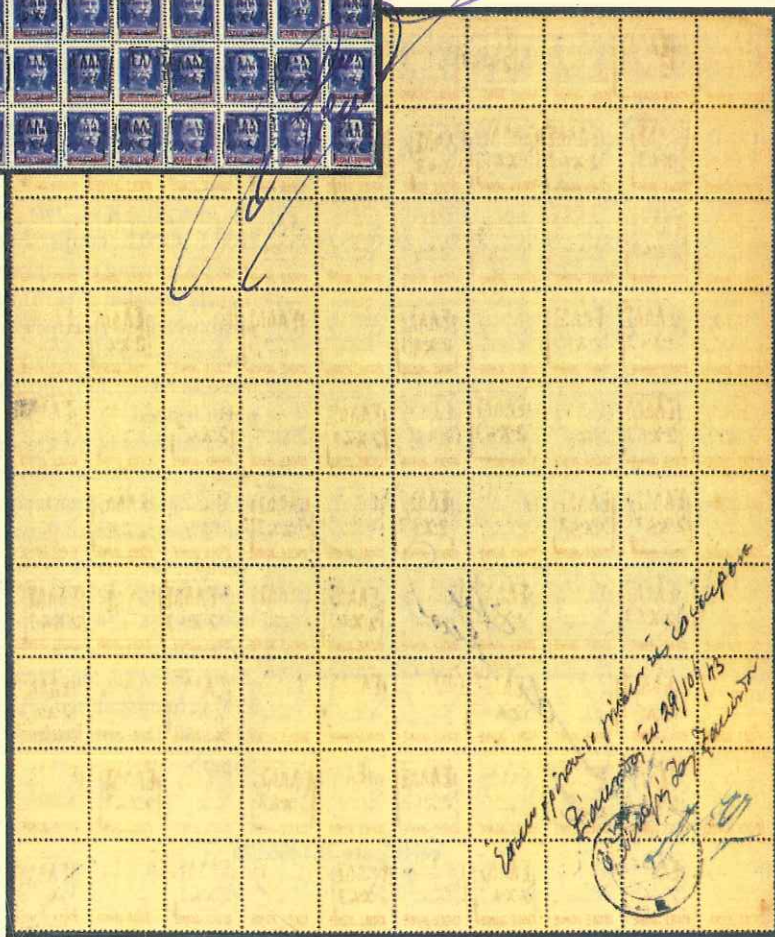
[Vlastos 2, 2(v) / Hellas 3, 3C / Michel 2 I, the vertically stamped error is Michel 2 I/I].

The overprint is on Italy 50c violet SOLE JONIE stamps, sheet of 97 stamps, missing only three stamps, namely position 8-10. The stamp at position 83 has the overprint vertically, reading up (unlisted in *Vlastos*, but listed in *Hellas* and *Michel*), fresh mint never hinged.

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Zante 29/10/43, the Postmaster of Zante P.O." & handstamped ZAKYNΘΟΣ 29.X.43". The condition is Very Fine to Superb.

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*Example of a 10x10 grid of stamps
in a 10x10 grid of squares
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The rare part sheet of 87 mint never hinged stamps in my opinion is genuine.

[Vlastos 1, 1d / Hellas 2, 2C / Michel 1 I, the vertically stamped error is Michel 1 I/I].

The overprint is on Italy 25c green ISOLE JONIE stamps, sheet of 87 stamps, missing the left vertical row and position 2-4.

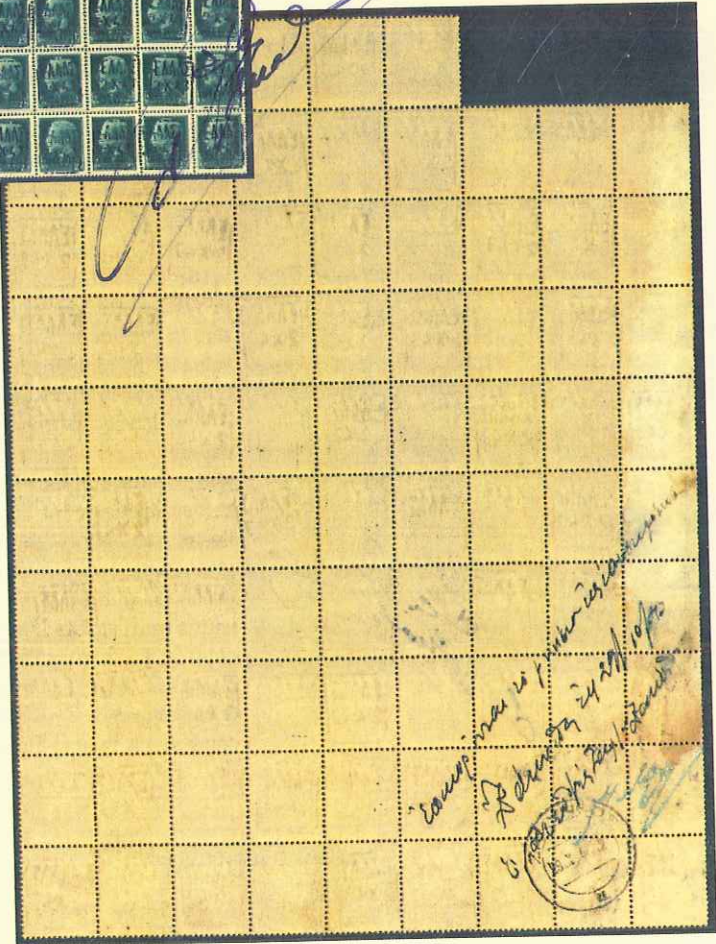
The stamp at position 58 has the overprint vertically, reading up (listed but unpriced in Vlastos and Michel, listed in Hellas, listed also in Sassone as "2c" priced 20 times the value of the regular stamp), fresh mint never hinged (except the stamps of the 2nd vertical row, which seems to have been affixed on paper).

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Zante 29/10/43, the Postmaster of Zante P.O." & handstamped ZAKYNOOS 29.X.43". The condition is Fine to Superb.

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